GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1425
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2002
SINKING OF SHIPS
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of ships sank in the seas along the Indian coasts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether wreckage of these ships have been taken out; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d) The details are given in the Annex.

Annex referred to in reply to parts (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1425 to be Answered on 24.7.2002

Statement showing the number of ships sank and position of removal of wrecks

No.	Name of the Port	No. of ships sank	Removed	Salvaged	Status Reasons
1.	Mumbai Port Trust	51	12	Nil	39 wrecks (26 within port limits and 13 outside port limits). As these wrecks do not impede safe navigation, their removal is not considered necessary. Moreover it will be uneconomical.
2.	Calcutta Port Trust	10	Nil	1	In spite of efforts made to prevail upon the owners of such ships to remove the wrecks, little success could be achieved in this regard especially with foreign owners.
3.	Mormugao Port Trust	4 ships + 19 buoys	Nil	Nil	The issue of removal of two wrecks is pending in the court. Owner of third wreck is not traceable. Decision on removal of the fourth wreck is to be taken by the Government of Goa. All these wrecks have, however, been marked as wrecks in the port navigational chart.
4.	Cochin Port Trust	2 Dredgers	Nil	1	One wreck lies outside the navigational channel. Hence its removal is not considered necessary. Moreover it will be uneconomical.

5. Paradip Port Trust	2	Dredgers	2	Nil
6. Chennai Port Trust	1	Nil	Nil	The cost of removal of wreck was very high and its removal was also considered unworthy
7 New Mangalore Port Trust	1	Nil	Nil	The wreck is not hampering navigation. Moreover, the cost of removal is found to be more than the salvage value of the wreck
8. Tuticorin Port Trust	1	1	Nil	
9. Kandla Port Trust	Nil	Nil	Nil	
10. Ennore Port Trust	Nil	Nil	Nil	
11. Visakhapatnam Port Trust	Nil	Nil	Nil	